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NOTE TO: [redacted]

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No real problems with this. One paragraph removed (the one concerning stretching analytical resources pretty thin) by unanimous vote, some word tinkering, and your and [redacted] "blue forces" thought introduced (and somewhat broadened) in the final paragraph, again by unanimous vote.

The accolade at the end (re everyone's cooperative spirit) is not puffery; it is the simple truth.

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Suggest that, in addition to the DCI's sending this to General Scowcroft, a copy be given to [redacted] for hand delivery to Hyland on Monday.

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

12 APR 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

FROM: George Bush

SUBJECT: The Production of a National Situation Report by the Intelligence Community

1. The Intelligence Community is now prepared to produce for senior consumers a national intelligence situation report (sitrep) during crises. Under my auspices, the principal producing agencies (CIA, DIA, State/INR, and NSA) will, when international events and the needs of the NSC and its staff so demand, cooperate in the preparation of an all-source national intelligence sitrep which will reflect Community views and clarify any important Community disagreements over substance.

2. I will assume responsibility within the Community for deciding when and by whom a national sitrep should be produced. I would expect, normally, to designate one Community component to act as my executive agent and assume primary responsibility for producing the sitrep, and, more often than not, I would expect CIA to serve in that capacity. There will be times, however, when the nature of a particular crisis--the Mayaguez incident comes to mind--may prompt me to name some other agency, such as DIA.

3. In any event, the major producing agencies will offer various forms of assistance to the task force assembled by the executive agent, each according to its special capabilities. Such assistance would include: the provision of analysts, preferably collocated with the task force, to act as intermediaries; the submission of written contributions to the publication itself; and the extension of special support in the area of collection tasking and response.

4. At the same time, we in the Community agree that the producing elements must continue to issue crisis intelligence

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(including "departmental" sitreps) in the manner appropriate to their functions. But we also agree that these elements would be expected--in the absence of specific requests to the contrary--to withhold dissemination of sitrep-type intelligence publications to readers in the White House and the NSC Staff. The needs of these consumers for frequent, up-to-date intelligence reporting and interpretation would, we believe, be satisfied by the national product.

5. The coordination of the national sitrep will pose some problems. We will encourage as much coordination as practicable, and when there are important substantive disagreements, these will be clearly expressed in the sitrep. But the task force will have to meet pressing deadlines and often will not be able to delay publication for the sake of extensive coordination.

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6. [redacted] is currently overseeing a Community effort to ensure that the national sitrep will be informed by all information bearing on the problem at hand, including relevant information which receives only extremely limited dissemination and information concerning US diplomatic initiatives and military moves. At the same time, his staff, together with the producing agencies, is formulating precise procedures for the production of the national sitrep. [redacted] assures me that all have approached this endeavor in a spirit of wholehearted cooperation. And I assure you that we are now ready to meet your request for national intelligence support during crises.

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SIGNED

George Bush

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